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## THE J. E. JONES LETTER

### THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

President Coolidge will be in Havana, Cuba, about January 10th, and all the honors which Cuba can pay as a Nation to the head of the Government of the United States will be accorded to him.

The President will attend the Pan American Conference. These conferences have enlisted the active cooperation of the representative men in the various Governments that are embraced in Pan America. Years ago, Elihu Root as Secretary of State made a good-will visit to Central and South America, and high representatives of the United States have frequently fraternized with our neighbors to the South in their own domain. Perhaps the greatest unofficial ambassador of the good-will sort is Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh. The Mexicans have less difficulty in understanding him than they experience with diplomats who speak in speech for our State Department.

The Pan American Union is splendidly housed in Washington. The Union is often referred to as the "original League of Nations." At regular intervals the diplomatic representatives of the Americas gather around a great conference table in Washington to discuss the welfare of all the Americas. Plans for peace, and propositions to increase the domestic good-will between the Nations are discussed at these official gatherings. From these conferences suggestions of interest to the different Republics drift back to the home Governments. The results have been so far reaching and so satisfactory that the President of the United States will go to Cuba next month to continue the good work of promoting the welfare of the Pan Americas.

### PROFITLESS PROSPERITY

A modern worker in the field of better conditions for industry speaks of "waste" as the principal cause of "profitless prosperity." The Division of Simplified Practice of the United States Bureau of Standards believes that sharp competition will continue through 1928 with profit margins in most lines very narrow. This belief is shared by business leaders throughout the country. The agreement of views recognizes a steady increase in industrial efficiency which is likely to make possible a continuance of high wages, "and in consequence an assurance of sustained high purchasing power for the mass of the people."

The Monthly News Bulletin of the Commercial Standards Group of the Bureau discusses causes of small profit margins, high pressure selling, and methods of manufacturing production. "One major result of the prevalent greater individual prosperity is the growing demand for more style, for more beautiful things, for more art in industry," says the Bulletin, which continues its statement as follows: "Recognition of this demand has called more variety to many a manufacturer's line. . . . Efforts to keep pace with too rapidly changing styles have also cut into otherwise normal profits. . . . The sterling silverware industry found one pattern per manufacturer every two years would meet its needs. The practice of yearly models by the automotive industry affords a better known example.

"Excessive great variety in grades or quality affords the opportunity for a enemy in manufacturing and selling by reducing their number. . . . In many instances, industries have found it possible, when making fewer varieties, to make them better in quality and to give them more style or attractiveness." The argument of the News Bulletin, which is backed up by years of successful results shows that "profitless prosperity" too often exists wholly because of wasteful methods and practices.

### EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN

The employment of children has increased in the past two years according to the records of the United States Children's Bureau, which indicate that more than 107,000 children of 14 and 15 years of age are engaged in regular employment for which employment certificates, as required by law, have been issued. There are thousands of additional children who are doing short time work of whom no account has been secured because certificates are not issued in their cases.

### CHRISTMAS TREES

About 5,000,000 Christmas trees are used each year in the United States. By cutting every suitable tree 5,000 to 10,000 acres will furnish the supply. The United States Forest Service calls attention to these facts and tells people to enjoy their Christmas trees. In fact, where there is a Government reserve, trees are being cut and sold at a profit to the Government. The Service does not want to see the Christmas tree industry suffer.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

George T. Souder will conduct the morning service at 10:45. The Sunday School will meet at 9:30. Annual parish meeting will be held in the church vestry Tuesday evening, Jan. 3, at 7:15.

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

L. A. Edwards, Pastor. 10:45. Morning worship, with sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The Open Door," a New Year's message. The door of the New Year opens, and what shall we find beyond the threshold? In answer to that question we may say, we shall find that for which we search. Few of the really worth while things of life are stumbled upon. As we pass through the open door may our eyes be open that we may see; our ears attuned that we may hear and our hearts tender that we may feel. Church School meets at 12 o'clock. Conrades of the Way at 7 o'clock. The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. William Chapman on Thursday afternoon. This is to be an open meeting and the ladies of all the other churches are cordially invited. Mrs. Chapman, who recently visited the Holy Land, will speak of her impressions of this most interesting country.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Our Church School meets at 9:45. "The Delights of a New Year," will be the subject for Sunday morning, 10:45. This will be the fourth sermon in the series of alphabetical discourses. Epworth League Sunday evening 6:30. Topic, "Walking Life's Road With Christ." Sunday evening, 7:30, there will be a New Year's song service, Come and sing. Class meeting Tuesday evening 7:30.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Chapman Street. Services Sunday morning at 10:45. Subject of the lesson sermon, God. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Wednesday testimonial meeting at 7:30 P. M. closes that "about 14,000,000 acres of timber are burned each year in forest fires," and it says that "it is more conservative to watch matches and cigarette butts than to deny the family a Christmas tree."

### BETTER COUNTRY LIFE

The Southern Reclamation Conference recently met in the Department of Interior building at Washington. With semi-official approval of its objects the Conference discussed methods to improve country life. The Conference went on record with the adoption of a resolution stating that reclamation or now defined is a movement for better homes in directed country life centers; for diversified farming, for education based upon the natural endowments of our people, for full use of all modern transportation and market facilities and for the fullest application of available scientific knowledge; that a successful demonstration of such a program is essential to economical agricultural production; and that the opportunities and needs of the South make it an appropriate field for these demonstrations, which do not have as their object an increase in productive agricultural land, but the establishment of group settlements of farm home owners.

A general scheme of development has already been worked out by the Department of Interior and the Conference. The argument of the News Bulletin, which is backed up by years of successful results shows that "profitless prosperity" too often exists wholly because of wasteful methods and practices. The Conference formulated its measures for better country life conditions along the lines of recommendations of reports made by three special representatives and advisors who were appointed by the Department of the Interior after they had spent a year upon their tasks. The movement started off auspiciously, and it seeks endorsement from Congress.

### LABOR DISPUTES

The horrors of consulting labor disputes has progressed very satisfactorily under the direction of the Department of Labor. It is becoming the custom of employers and employees to bring their trials and woes to the attention of the Department. The Department of Consultation usually succeeds in compromising the disputes providing the parties to it are reasonable. The government Bureau heads off many strikes and lock-outs.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cole and daughter of Locke's Mills, Mrs. Harold Cummings and son of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hutchison and some were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hutchison, Sunday.

## BETHEL AND VICINITY

### Happy New Year!

Howard Gunther is very ill at his home.

Parker Conner is building an addition to his garage.

Glyndon Savin of Boston was home for the holiday.

L. W. Russell is able to be out after several weeks illness.

Miss Muriel S. Park is at her home in town for the holidays.

Dorothea Burbank was home from Gray's Business College.

Clarence Philbrook was home from Barre, Vt., for the holiday.

H. W. Boyker assisted in Russell's store a few days last week.

S. H. Wentzell was home from Richardson Lake over the holiday.

Chester Wheeler and two sons of Jefferson were in town Monday.

Amos J. Fortier of Skowhegan was a holiday guest of friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Wheeler of South Paris have a son born Dec. 27.

The form is being made for the cap on the middle pier at the new bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Robertson of Portland were in town over the week end.

W. S. Wight is very ill with nervous prostration at Dr. Cobb's Hospital in Auburn.

Howard Bailey was home from Richardson Lake to spend Christmas with his family.

Mrs. Frank Wheeler of Shelburne was the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. P. Austin, Sunday.

Roy Brown of Berlin, N. H., was in town Monday to see his brother, Thomas Brown.

Margaret C. Horrick of Caribou was the guest of her parents, Hon. and Mrs. A. E. Horrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Berryment of Portland have moved into the rent of H. D. Thurston.

Lauria Tyler has a position as assistant bookkeeper with the Burden Milk Co., of Newark, N. J.

Miss Ruth Buck of Boston is spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Buck.

Mrs. Edwards of West Paris is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Roy Hamlin, and family.

Elvin Bergquist of Berlin is spending the week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Donahue.

Mrs. Herman Jay of Newberg, Mass., is spending the winter with her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Miliken.

A team ran into the water tank near the station recently and as a result the tank is out of commission for a time.

Miss Grace Van Den Kerkhof was spreading the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Den Kerkhof.

Mrs. Fannie Billings who underwent a serious operation at the Boston City Hospital about a month ago, is improving slowly.

Vicinia Hutchins of Schemetown and Miss Marion Hutchins of Boston were Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hutchins.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Inman of Schemetown and Walter Inman and family of West Paris were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Anderson, Christmas day.

The roads around Bethel have become very slippery the past week. Some of the most careful drivers have suddenly found themselves in unexpected positions due to the icy ruts.

Bethel friends of E. A. Barker, now of South Paris will be sorry to learn that he suffered a broken leg, above the knee, Saturday forenoon. He was in a stall with a horse when a cat came in and the horse evidently kicked at it but Mr. Barker broke his leg. He was taken to the Central Maine General Hospital where he will have to stay several weeks.

## SNOW REMOVAL ROUTES

The state highway commission last week designated an additional list of state and state aid roads as snow removal routes. The following in Oxford County and vicinity are in the list: Standish, to Baldwin, to Hiram, to Brownfield, to Fryeburg, provided the towns will do the ploughing. Bethel, to Glenad, to Greenwood, to Woodstock.

Gorham, to Standish, to Limestone, to Cornish, to Parsonsfield, to Porter, provided towns will do ploughing.

Penn. to Mexico, to Ramford, to Hartford, to Livermore, to Turner, provided towns will do the ploughing.

Disfield, to Carthage, to Weld. Roxbury to Mexico.

Norway to Waterford, provided towns will do ploughing.

Harrison, to Bridgton, provided towns will do ploughing.

The commission has also approved the petitions of a number of towns asking for the laying out of town roads as winter routes, totaling 1100 miles, upon condition that the work of snow removal shall be done by the towns.

Among these towns are Magalloway Plantation, Lincoln Plantation, Ramford, Mexico, Hiram.

## GRANGE NEWS

**BEAR RIVER GRANGE**  
Bear River Grange held its regular meeting Saturday evening, Dec. 24, W. M. Holt in chair.

One candidate was given the first and second degrees.

Under new business, it was voted to have an all day meeting in two weeks for installation of officers.

Bro. C. E. Saunders appointed to procure an installing officer. The following committee was appointed to charge of dinner: Addie Saunders, Ida Wight and Pearl Kilgore.

A Christmas tree and entertainment by children followed the meeting.

Recitation, Mary Stearns; Recitation, Morris Brooks; Recitation, George Stearns; Recitation, Kenneth Brooks.

Refreshments served after meeting.

Warren Blake was at home from Livermore Falls a few days recently.

Eyes examined, glasses furnished by E. L. Greenleaf, Optometrist, over Howe's store, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week. Evening appointments may be made.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garey gave a dinner party Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carter of Boston. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Tuadde and Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Moore.

Mrs. Mae Gidman was very kindly remembered by friends on Christmas Day. She received a radiogram from Mr. and Mrs. W. Mortenson of Copenhagen, Denmark, and a small Christmas tree from neighbors.

Ray Crockett came near a serious accident one day last week when the pilot on his automobile caught on a rail when he was going across the crossing at the foot of Main Street. He escaped with a split lip and a few bruises. The pilot was badly damaged.

**COL. C. S. EDWARDS CAMP HOLDS INSTALLATION**

The annual installation of officers of Col. C. S. Edwards Camp No. 72, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was held at the Legion House last Thursday evening. Past Commander P. J. Lapham acting as installing officer. The following are the officers: Camp Commander—J. A. Sumner; Senior Vice—E. A. Horrick; Junior Vice—Alton Hutchins; Camp Council—P. J. Lapham, E. H. Smith, F. L. Edwards.

Patrols: Instructor—F. L. Clark; Sgt.—Frank L. Brown; Color Bearer—Evelyn Hutchins; Chaplain—Fred B. Merrill; Quartermaster—Milton Though; Order Guard—Robert Though.

The boys' dormitory at the Maine Central Institute, Pittsfield, was burned last Thursday night at a loss between \$15,000 and \$25,000. The building was unoccupied, the school being closed for the Christmas vacation and the cause is unknown.

In the United States Court at Portland Eugene A. Descoeaux of Norway was sentenced to eighteen months in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, a mail carrier, had pleaded guilty to the larceny of \$2,500 in currency from the safe in the post office about six weeks ago.

## HOUGHTON KIMBALL

Houghton Kimball, son of Mrs. Eva Kimball of Norway, committed suicide by hanging at his home Tuesday forenoon. No one has been able to attribute a motive for the act.

He was born in Norway, Feb. 11, 1907, the son of Mrs. Eva M. and the late Merion M. Kimball. He was the grandson of Hon. Alfred S. Kimball who was prominent in Odd Fellowship in this State.

Mr. Kimball graduated from Norway High School in 1923, attended Phillips Exeter two years and entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1925. He was a brilliant scholar but it is not thought that over study was the cause of his suicide.

## LOCAL RADIO DIFFICULTIES

Local radio users report much trouble from the howling and annoyance caused by the careless use of regenerative radio sets.

It is unlawful to use sets which cause this interference and the continued use of such radio sets may be punishable by a fine of ten to fifty dollars.

Measures may be taken to improve the situation if it does not become better soon.

## SCHOOL NOTES

**EAST BETHEL**  
East Bethel school closed Friday P. M., Dec. 23rd, after a very successful term taught by Miss Marion Skillings, grammar, and Miss Geraldine Valentine, primary. A handsomely decorated Christmas tree and exercises were held in the grammar room. The tree was well loaded, each teacher receiving gifts from all and each pupil from one another and all were remembered by their teacher. It was an afternoon of much enjoyment.

**HONOR ROLL FOR THE TERM**  
Grammar room—Not absent for the term, Dora Greenwood.

Not tardy or excused for term—Mae Coolidge, Pauline Harrington, Ellen Burns, Eugene Burns, Elizabeth Foster, Naunette Foster, Freda Harrington, Leonard Tyler, Grace Foster, Nellie Harrington, Harris Tyler.

Spelling—Mae Coolidge, Dora Greenwood, Joseph Holt, Agnes Howe, Ellen Burns, Doris Farrar, Freda Harrington, Beaulieu Dora Greenwood, Raymond Barthol, Agnes Howe, Ellen Burns, Freda Harrington, Nellie Harrington, Rodney Howe.

These pupils have maintained an average of 90 and above for the term.

**Primary room.**  
These not absent or tardy for the term—Marshall Hyerson, James Hyerson.

Not absent but one day—Frances Billings, Lawrence Tyler, Mellen Kimball, Robert Holt, Elmer Hyerson.

Those having an average of 90 or above in spelling for the term—Mildred Farrar, Edward Holt, Louise Farrar, Mary Farrar, Lawrence Tyler, James Hyerson, Marshall Hyerson.

**SUMMARY OF BLISTER RUST WORK IN OXFORD COUNTY SEASON 1927**

Amount of money raised by twenty-two towns.	2,350.00
Amount of money spent by twenty-two towns.	2,908.00
Number of pine owners completing work.	52
Number of persons doing voluntary bush work.	7
Amount of money spent by owners, cash and labor.	\$2,015.91
Number of wild bushes destroyed.	1,137.63
Number of cultivated bushes destroyed.	3.40
Number of acres cultivated by owners and towns.	6,535
Number of acres eradicated by State Scouts.	70,560
Number of acres of aspens land eliminated.	7,035
Work was completed in Hamford, Hanover, Andover and Norway, the only incorporated towns in the County that have not started in this work are Nevery, Peru and Byron.	

By 1928 we will have blister rust work completed in every town in Oxford County.

The owners and towns realize the danger of this disease that is killing our white pine and are anxious to get this work done.

Following the custom of several years past the Mason Manufacturing Co. of South Paris paid its employees a bonus of five per cent. Checks amounting to about \$6,000 were given out last Thursday afternoon to 157 persons.

## ERNEST H. NASON

Ernest H. Nason died very suddenly at the salesroom of the Ripley & Fletcher Co., about nine o'clock Saturday morning. He was standing by the counter reading the morning paper, when without a sound he dropped to the floor and was gone. He had known that he had a heart affliction, and had not been in the best of health for a year or two.

Mr. Nason was born in Bridgton, Nov. 30, 1869, the son of Samuel Bradbury and Susan M. (Smith) Nason. A considerable part of his life was spent at North Waterford. Some fifteen years ago he became a salesman for the Ripley & Fletcher Co., distributors of Ford cars. For a while he continued to live at North Waterford and drive to business here, but in 1915, he and Mrs. Nason moved to South Paris, where they have since lived, and he has continued his position with the Ripley & Fletcher Co.

He married, Jan. 7, 1896, Susie E. Wood, and she survives him. He is also survived by one brother, Noah Nason of North Carthage, N. Y., and two sisters, Mrs. Martha Black of North Waterford and Mrs. Phebe Littlefield of Lovell, and a number of nieces and nephews, and grand-nephews and grand-nieces.

Mr. Nason was a Mason, an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Grange. He was a man of genial disposition, and made friends wherever he was.

The funeral was at the house on Oak Avenue at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and burial was in Riverside Annex.

—Oxford Democrat.

## MRS. HAROLD C. WYMAN

Mrs. Ruth E., wife of Harold C. Wyman of Norway, passed away Monday of last week at the Central Maine General Hospital, following an illness of pneumonia poisoning. She was a native of Albany, born July 7, 1867, the daughter of Cephas and Mary (McKeon) Cobb. She attended the Albany schools and Norway High School.

She was married to Mr. Wyman Oct. 14, 1923. Besides her husband, Mrs. Wyman leaves a son and daughter, her mother, two sisters, Mrs. F. W. Eastman of Andover, Mass., and Mrs. Nelson of Prince Edward Island and two brothers, Lester Cobb of Norway and Otis Cobb of Albany.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the Spiller Funeral Home, the Congregational Church. Burial will be in Norway Pine Grove Cemetery.

## FRANK C. POTTER

Rev. Frank Clifford Potter, a clergyman in the Maine Methodist Conference nearly 40 years, died last Thursday in his home in Portland after an illness of several years. Mr. Potter had been a great sufferer and several surgical operations had failed to afford relief.

He was born in Bridgton and was educated in Bridgton Academy and prepared for the ministry which he entered in 1893. He had been assigned to parishes in Fryeburg, Stone, West Cumberland, East Poland, Minot, West Bethel, Pownall, Berlin, N. H., Elliot, Keegan Falls, Bethel, Wilton and Cornish.

He is survived by his wife and four sons, Frederick E. and Herman W. of Portland, Clifford W. of Boston and Frank E. of Belfast.

## CHARLES P. KIMBALL

Charles P. Kimball passed away at his home on Main Street, Norway, Tuesday forenoon, about 10 o'clock, after a few days' illness.

Mr. Kimball was well known as an insurance man, and also a lover of good music and the owner of several cat steppers, some of which had made records on the track.

He was born in Lovell, May 3, 1864, the son of Porter C. and Harriet M. Caldwell Kimball. He lived in Andover for many years and was postmaster for some time. He was a member of the Masons at Rumford and the Knights of Pythias at Andover.

He was married twice, his first wife being Miss Helen Berry of Andover. His second wife who was Mrs. Alice Allen of North Waterford survives.

## TRAIN SCHEDULE

The train schedule in effect on the Canadian National Railway is as follows beginning Sunday, Sept. 23:

Portland trains leave Bethel at 8:01 A. M. and 4:42 P. M. daily. Sunday, 8:01 A. M. and 5:27 P. M.

Island Pond trains leave Bethel at 9:31 A. M. and 3:23 P. M. Sunday 9:39 A. M. and 3:23 P. M.









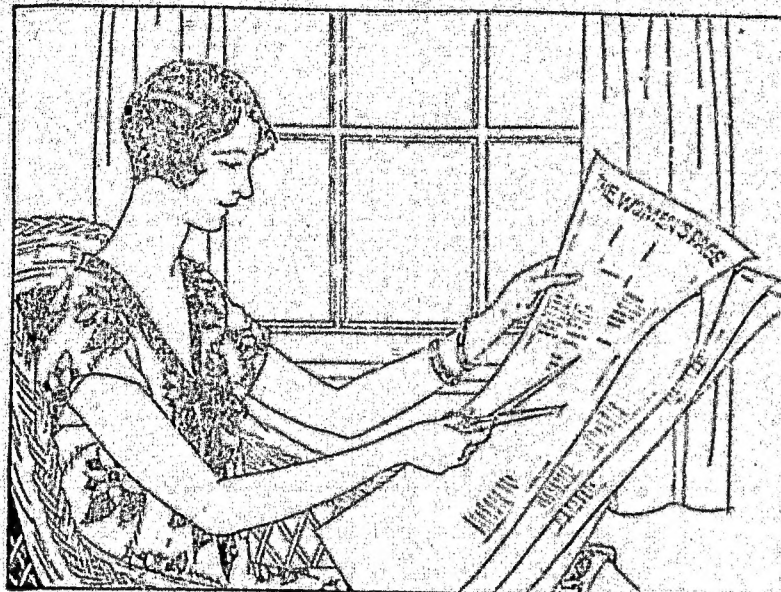






## Buy your School Paper at the Citizen Office

### A Dollar Dinner for Four



Appetizing, nutritious, and costing only one dollar, housewives will find this description of an inexpensive dinner worth clipping out of the paper and keeping on file.

Mock Turtle Soup  
Salmon au Gratin  
Peas  
Minute Tapioca  
Demi-Tasse  
Potatoes

THE following supplies, needed for this dinner, are quoted at prices generally current at the cheaper stores: can of soup, 10 cents; canned salmon, 20 cents; lemon, 3 cents; tall can evaporated milk, 9 cents; can of peas, 15 cents; potatoes, 7 cents; eggs, 5 cents; tapioca, 13 cents; coffee, 4 cents (40 cents a pound). This totals 95 cents, leaving a margin of 5 cents to cover seasonings and fuel.

Serve the mock turtle soup piping hot. Flake the salmon, removing all bones and skin. Make a white sauce of one tablespoon butter, one tablespoon flour, and one cup milk. Add

## HUNDREDS OF YOUNG SINGERS FOUND IN HUNT FOR TALENT



MADAM LOUISE HOMER



MRS. EDGAR STILLMAN KELLEY



A. ATWATER KENT

TEN young American singers—presumably the best in the country—will face the microphone at Station WRAF in New York City early in December to sing for fame and fortune. They will be the finalists in the National Radio Audition of the Atwater Kent Foundation of Philadelphia.

This nationwide quest for radio voices has already revealed hundreds of young singers of promise, who have entered the contests eagerly because the auditions offer them recognition at home and a chance to compete for prizes aggregating \$17,500. Distinguished figures are sponsoring the undertaking as a National Audition Committee. They are Madam Louise Homer, the Metropolitan Opera star; Mrs. Edgar Stillman Kelley, president of the National Federation of Music Clubs; Edward W. Bok, former editor of the Ladies Home Journal; and Mrs. Otto H. Kahn, wife of the world-famous New York banker and music patron.

Winners of state auditions—one boy and one girl—receive silver medals and are taken to their district auditions at the expense of the Foundation to compete with young singers from their neighboring states. Winners of each of the five district auditions—the young man and one young woman in each—receive gold medals and are

taken to New York by the Atwater Kent Foundation for the finals, which will be broadcast over a national network of stations. The awards for these will be as follows:

Winners of first place—one young man and one young woman—will each receive \$5,000 cash and two years' tuition in a musical conservatory.

Winners of second place will each receive \$2,000 cash and one year's tuition.

Winners of third place will each receive \$1,000 cash and one year's tuition.

Winners of fourth place will each receive \$500.

## HOW

**PLANT FAMILY DEVELOPS SHOWN IN EXHIBITION**

In the largest botanical museum in the world, located in the New York Botanical Garden—an imposing Italian Renaissance structure looking not unlike an imperial palace—one of the chief exhibits—shows natural plant families in the sequence of their development. It begins with a plant that has the appearance of clay. It consists of a single cell and grows gradually into two cells, which continue to multiply, eventually developing into a "high-order" plant.

The exhibit contains a collection of the better-known plants used for the production of many of the necessities of life. The specimens include foods, drugs, gun, spices, oils, corks and many others. They are arranged in their botanical sequence, showing the lower order of plants first.

The fossil history group shows the stages of evolution through which the ancestors of present-day plants have passed. An exhibit that never fails to attract attention shows the varieties of plant life to be found within a hundred-mile radius of New York city.

The museum also contains laboratories where specimens gathered from all parts of the world by various expeditions, are classified and arranged. A large botanical library is maintained.

## How Electricity Has Made Organ Supreme

The modern movie organ is in its fundamentals a true pipe organ, but it has all sorts of orchestral instruments added to it, and played by it through the magic of electricity. This type of organ comes very close to being an orchestra and band all in itself, and still it is under the actual control of one player. Electricity makes possible on the modern organ the clearest and cleanest playing of the lightest and fastest music. No more do players use lists, or need they use forceful fingers to press down the keys, for electricity is harnessed to the keys and they respond like lightning to the touch. The push of a finger throws on an overwhelming torrent of tone, while another touch reduces the tone to a murmur, like zephyr.

The organ was a mere puny thing among instruments up to 1880. After that and up to fifty years ago it was a mere tinkering of instruments. But since the application of electricity to the organ, it has become a powerful and dominating force in the world of music.

## How Snakes Lay Eggs

Reptilian snakes, unlike birds, do not lay an egg each day until the laying is completed. As a rule, all the eggs laid by an oviparous snake in any given season are laid within a very short period.

The United States biological survey says a python measuring about 2 feet in length laid about 100 eggs in one day. In the case of a little rattlesnake it was observed that in every instance, except two all the eggs were deposited within one day. The species of snake lays only from three to eight eggs.

"As a general rule," says the New York Zoological park, "oviparous snakes lay all their eggs at one time or in one day, though occasionally we have noted them to lay some one day and some more the following day. Laying one egg a day might prove in a serpent for the python, which frequently lays from thirty to forty eggs. The chicken snake and like species usually lay eight to fourteen eggs."

## How Fast Raindrops Fall

The weather bureau says that rain drops never fall faster than twenty-five feet per second; many of them fall only about fifteen feet per second. Suppose then the height of the cloud is 2,500 feet, a fairly common height, and that the speed of fall is the average possible—very large drops; then the time of fall will be 100 seconds. If the speed is fifteen feet per second, the time will be 167 seconds. A fair average velocity is twenty feet per second, and the time of fall two minutes.

## How to Refresh the Eyes

The white of an egg is beaten until it is almost the consistency of meringue. After a few moments the vessel containing the white of egg is tipped so that a small amount of the slightly yellowish liquid can flow off, or three drops of this liquid in each eye are sufficient to soothe and refresh the eye.

## How Fast Storms Travel

It is a general storm, the kind that brings rain or snow for several hours. It is practically certain to go several hundred miles to the east or southeast by the next day. This is because that is the direction of the general air movement, as determined by the rotation of the earth.

## How Blind Fish Fed

In a recent catch a smelt at Lowestoft, England, caught a well-fed codfish which was totally blind. Naturalists suggest that it found food by running its barbel, or beard, along the floor of the sea and so catching small crustaceans, worms, etc.

## WHY

### Dancing Has Tendency to Improve Eyesight

If you feel that your eyesight is getting poor don't buy a new pair of glasses until you've tried dancing, according to Miss Mary Dunderidge, specialist in eye education, who recently addressed a weekly discussion group in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Dunderidge first became interested in dancing as a means of improving her general health. Soon she noticed that her eyesight was improving and tested the sight of other members of the dancing class. In every case she noted a definite improvement.

"Dancing in which there is a lot of movement is especially beneficial," she said, "because with every motion of the head there is a motion of the eyeball. All of our eye troubles come from the artificial conditions of modern life. We don't have enough things to see."

"When we lived out of doors we lived in an environment of infinite and constantly changing detail. Under civilized conditions we're surrounded by stationary, unchanging and often featureless surfaces. Often there's an artificial reason why we should look at these things."

"The life and comfort of primitive man depended on his seeing the details of his environment, but ours do not. We can go around for a large part of the time seeing nothing in particular. The result is that our eyes don't get enough to do."

### Why Rembrandt Lost Favor of the Great

Rembrandt's great painting, "The Night Watch," familiar to all visitors to Amsterdam, seems so unquestionable a masterpiece that it is difficult to believe that it led to the decline of the artist's fortunes.

Holland was at the time obsessed by a craze for huge canvases glowing with groups of nobles. Each member of these honorary bodies subscribed his share and wanted to get as much prominence in the picture as all his friends. Dutch art museums are still cluttered with some of these grandiose pictures.

Rembrandt broke away from this mechanical and uninspiring task. He painted a picture that was alive and not dead. But the mere fact that this was one of the great paintings of all times did not mean anything to the wealthy citizens who had paid their money for the picture and who saw themselves so far back in shadows that their faces were hardly distinguishable. They felt they had been cheated by the painter. They asked and the critics who lacked originality joined in the chorus of disapproval. Others agreed to see in and soon Rembrandt was in poverty, from which he never emerged. Kansas City Star.

### Why Fees Were Returned

How the new law of a lifetime at the Federal Reserve Bank retained the fees of a retired official who had been a member of the board for 15 years. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in the light of the law, returned the fees of a retired official who had been a member of the board for 15 years. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in the light of the law, returned the fees of a retired official who had been a member of the board for 15 years.

### Why Cats Purrr

In the cat there are two kinds of vocal cords—true and false. The true vocal cords are used by the cat in "meowing" and making other common sounds. The false vocal cords, according to Alvin Davidson, author of "Mammalian Anatomy, With Special Reference to the Cat," are used in purring. Scientists are in the dark as to just how the purring sound is made. This peculiar sound of the cat may be likened to the grunts of pigs.

### Why Varnish Is Important

A Parisian violin maker claims that the tonal quality of a violin is not so much dependent on the construction of the instrument as it is on the quality of the varnish used in its finish. He claims to have made a violin which will make an ordinary violin sound like a Stradivarius, which everyone knows is the most beautiful masterpiece known.

### Why "Verbaten" Is Distliked

The use of the word "verbaten" in proclamations to the German people has recently been questioned. The Lord Lieutenant of Essex has decided that the word is incompatible with the self-respect of the public, and has urged that the German equivalent of "request" be used instead.

### How to Keep Paint Fresh

If you thoroughly stir a can of paint to dissolve all the oil, then fill it up with water, you can leave it open and the paint will keep perfectly fresh.

### Why Rings Tarnish

Tarnishing of the silver in white gold rings causes darkening. They can be brightened by the use of a metal polish.

## WEST PARIS

Miss Ruth Tucker is quite ill and has a trained nurse.

Miss Beatrice Davis is at home from Portland for a rest and treatment on account of being ill from a long period of continuous office work.

Edwin R. Berry is making good recovery from the recent injury to his hand.

The Universalist Sunday School and their families and friends enjoyed a Christmas tree and supper at Good Will Hall Friday evening.

All the stores presented a very pretty holiday appearance, and each trader carried very attractive and useful goods. Many families enjoyed family Christmas trees, and others entertained company.

Robert Penley and Jacob Immonen of Bates College spent the holidays with their parents, and Cyrus Irish and Joe Penley were at home from Hebron Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Perham and two children of Groveton, N. H., are holiday guests of Mrs. Perham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wardwell.

Lewis J. Mann is a little improved in health, although confined to the bed and under the care of a trained nurse.

His nurse, Mrs. Bessie Bandett, R. N., is at her home in Auburn for the holidays, and Miss Gladys Ross is caring for him.

Program at the Universalist Church Sunday morning:

10:15 to 10:30, Christmas Carols

Violin and Organ

Prelude and procession of carolers

Doxology

Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 454—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Responsive Reading

Chorus—Sound Over All Waters

Scripture

Duet—"Behold, I Bring."

Maynard Chase, Reynold Chase

Prayer

Response, Soprano Solo—Night of Nights, Minnie Swift

Chorus—The First Christmas Morn

Offertory

Notices

Sermon

Hymn No. 492—Joy To The World

Benediction

Postlude

Union service at Universalist Church.

Prelude and Processional

Chorus—A Hymn for Christmas

Scripture Reading

Prayer of Invocation Rev. C. H. St. A.

Tableaux—The Annunciation

Response—"Hail to Thee Who Givest Us Life"

Reading

Tableaux—The Angel and Shepherds

Scripture

Chant—Gloria in Excelsis

Carols—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

"Hail to Thee Who Givest Us Life"

Scripture

Children's Carol—O, Little Town of Bethlehem

Duet—Silent Night, Dore Banc, Baby Banc

Reading

Scripture

Tris—"We Three Kings of Orient Are," Reynold Chase, Gerry Berry, Edward Barnham

Scripture

Solo, Doris Richardson

Christmas Prayer, Rev. E. B. Perkins

Carols—Joy To The World, Chorus and Congregation

Benediction

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MR. CLIFTON DALE ruefully surveyed the mud on his shoes and overcoat. An automobile had swept by, regardless of the thaw which ushered in the first day of the year, and left him plentifully bespattered.

"I shall make another resolution," said Mr. Dale, as he tried to flick the tenacious mud from his garment.

Entering his office in the little prairie town where he was known as "our enterprising realtor," Mr. Clifton Dale, he seated himself at a desk and took from his pocket a memorandum book. It opened at a page inscribed, "New Year Resolutions," and Mr. Dale smiled grimly as he read the one and only entry: "Under no circumstances will I allow myself to be married to any female during this year."

That entry had been made in a significant moment. At just two o'clock that morning, on his way home from the Old Timers' ball, he had paused at his office to place his decision on record. It was the immediate result of the betrayal of Miss Adeline Hill who, after protesting to Mr. Dale that her program was full, had shared eight times with Amery Dodge, proprietor of the Phoenix garage.

"Hodge-Hill," Mr. Dale commented

He took up his pencil and made a second entry. "I shall be careful to observe the speed limits, and not to splash innocent pedestrians," he wrote. At that moment his telephone rang. "Oh, 'tut, this is Addie speaking. I am so glad to get you—" "You're right? Well, you haven't of me yet, let me tell you, young women—" "Oh, 'tut, don't be silly! We're broken down, Dad and I, eight miles off on the main road south. Further

A black and white illustration showing a car stuck in a deep rut. A person is standing next to the car, looking at the situation. The car is a vintage model with a spare tire on the side. The rut is very deep, and the car is tilted slightly. The background is simple, with some lines suggesting a road or field.



uttering Mud in Every Direction  
w he is so unreliable. Won't you  
at Mr Dale was firm. "Maybe I'll  
your program full," he growled.  
silver large over the wire dis  
d him. "I'll explain all that—

[illegible]

The car which reached first the road last would have to re-  
behind for the rest of the trip  
behind his accelerator down as  
it would go, Mr. Dodge, in his  
accelerator, got the edge on his  
rival. But just as he swung into  
country road his rear wheels  
slipped, and Mr. Dale slipped by  
giving him by an inch. Fortunately  
there was a pool of muddy water at  
hand, and when Mr. Dale glanced  
at the new speedster he saw the ap-  
pearance of a resurrected new.

[illegible]

"I've been trying to get  
trade in the old car," she said.  
"Mr. Dodge couldn't agree  
on it. After eight dances last  
winter I raised his bid a hundred  
dollars. That's a little better than  
a dance, isn't it?"

She took out his notebook and  
another entry. "Here's another  
one. I was voted by the great  
men. Then:

"You are a business woman  
said, with profound admira-

... Sent tonight, "But I've  
... poetry to know that I'll  
... always go together."  
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a number of summer visitors from New York to be exceedingly expert on equestrian statues, having spent for many years in Washington, where the horse plays such a conspicuous part in memorials, he has noted the death of bronze chargers in the city. Evidently the sculptors designed the statues that adorn the parks and streets were as horse-minded as their fellows in the capital. Some humorist once remarked that every one who owned a horse had a statue erected to his memory in Washington. The equestrian statues in Manhattan are few far between.

There is one of  
hington in Union square, one of  
albert Sherman at Fifth avenue  
Fifty-ninth street, and two on  
the parade drive. The drive statues  
commemorate Gen. Franz Sigel and  
of Arc.—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Room for Doubt**

Community was applying for divorce.  
Zeke, alarmed at the prospect of  
losing his meal ticket, was contesting  
suit.

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cross-examination, "that your wife  
left after 76 years' use."

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dren when they needed it, and I  
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in a denon in the church and is  
isly regarded as a pious man?"  
"s a denon of the church who  
admitted the aggrieved wife,  
since he's been 'reested' there  
already for cran-throat" an'  
" 'n, an' has been ketcherd  
re while runnin' aroun' wid funny  
yaller girls, Ah has consid  
follers erout his piety."

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struggles in the water, Jen-  
topped abruptly.  
"I wonder you finally got out?"  
I asked.  
"Well," the narrator replied, "after  
come up the second time and  
preparing to go down for the  
third and last time, I happened to  
see my past hadn't been before  
as a man, as it was supposed  
and so I gave up the whole  
and swam ashore."


[illegible]

Sister—Miz, what a nurse  
 will give him, my dear—  
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I've so easily, so pleasantly,  
 who live by faith.—Matthew

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